

DR. SURMANN'S LETTER.

THE BELIEFS THE DISEASE WAS
NOT ASIATIC CHOLERA.

Persons With Similar Symptoms
This was Cholera Nostris—Being
contagious the Suppressive
Measures were Proper.

HONOLULU, Oct. 14, 1895.

HON. W. O. SMITH, President of
the Board of Health, Honolulu.

Dear Sir—As a difference of
opinion exists in this community
regarding the actual status of the
cholera epidemic recently pre-
vailing in this city, and as, so far
as I am aware, no professional
discussion on this point has been
had which would tend to more
clearly define the different views
held in this connection, I desire
to submit to your consideration
briefly an expression of my views
on this all important subject.
This seems to me the more in
place as a recurrence of the con-
tagious disease is by no means
impossible, in fact is one of those
future probabilities which it may
be well to look forward to and to
prepare for.

I have always maintained that
the only sure way of diagnosing
Cholera Asiatica is by cultivat-
ing the bacillus on gelatine, as
there the cholera bacillus grows
in a most characteristic manner
and altogether different from all
other microorganisms. To make
such cultivations successfully and
fairly reliable requires facilities
which at present are not obtain-
able here. But microscopic prepa-
rations alone cannot be consid-
ered as proof of the presence of
cholera bacilli, as there are many
bacilli which under the microscope,
even by experienced microscopists,
cannot with certainty be distin-
guished from the cholera bacilli,
such as the Saprophytic bacilli,
the Finckler-Prior bacilli and
even from some forms of typhoid
bacilli, etc. Saprophytic bacilli
of a comma form is found in the
discharge attendant upon various
intestinal diseases and particularly
the so-called cholera nostris or
cholerae.

Now what is cholera nostris?
By the name cholera nostris
(cholerae) is designated an
acute disease of the stomach and
intestines which takes a definite
form and the symptoms of which
in severe cases greatly resemble
those of Asiatic cholera. It is to
be assumed with great certainty
that cholera nostris is caused by
an acute infection of the body
with a specific organic poison
which in almost all cases takes an
epidemic form.

Cholera nostris makes its ap-
pearance in Europe in epidemic
form almost without exception in
the hot summer months (July to
September) and it is therefore often
called cholera aestiva. The
vomiting and excretions are in such
cases colorless and watery, often
resembling the well-known rice
water discharge of real cholera.
In fact all the symptoms are
similar, a decreased action of the
kidneys, appearance of muscular
pains, the extreme debility of the
patient, his worn out features, his
weak and hoarse voice, his un-
quenchable thirst, his small hard-
ly perceptible pulse, the livid
color and cool condition of the
skin of his face and of his extre-
mities, in short the pronounced
picture of a general collapse iden-
tical with that caused by real
cholera.

At the same symptoms appear-
ing in a number of cases of poison-
ing which thoroughly resemble the
lighter forms of cholera; for in-
stance poisoning with arsenic,
with poison sausage, meat, cheese
or fish, etc.

Although the diagnosis of cholera
at a time of a prevailing epidemic
is not difficult in advanced cases
it will require the greatest caution
to pronounce upon it in sporadic
cases, as it is to be remembered
that outside of the specific cholera
poison there are other causes re-
lated thereto and above referred
to, which often result in a disease
of the intestines very similar to
real cholera in all its symptoms.

Judging from the manner in
which the choleraic disease made
its appearance in this city in the
months of the month of August
and September last, I came to the
conclusion that the infection was
due to such specific causes above
outlined and I have since become
confirmed in this belief conse-
quent on my microscopic re-
searches and on my examinations

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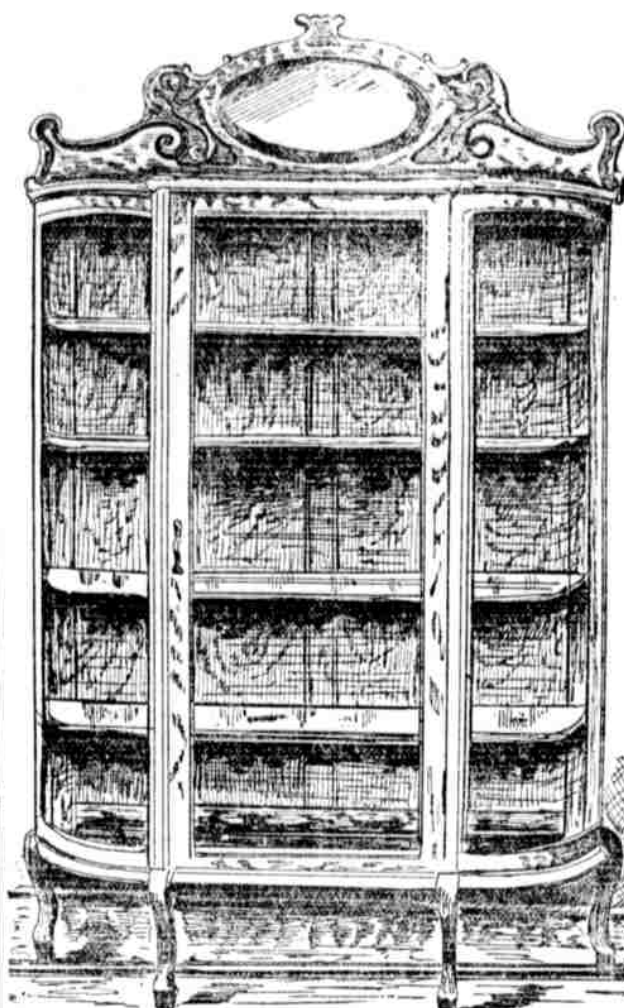
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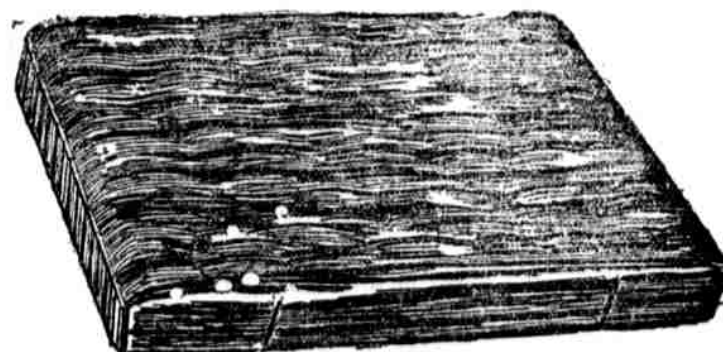


ONE bureau is scarcely ade-
quate to hold all the shirts,
underwear, etc., of a gentleman
and wife; two bureaus in a room
make it top-sided particularly
when they are not the same pat-
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